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SUBJECT: FRG-CZECH NEGOTIATIONS AT IMPASSE OVER LEGAL
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1. AT MEETING AUGUST 21 WITH EMBOFFS IN FRG FOREIGN
OFFICE, BLECH SAID THAT THE FRG-CZECH NEGOTIATIONS ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE GOING
NO BETTER IN CURRENT BONN ROUND WHICH BEGAN AUGUST 20
THAN THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL). BLECH NOTED THAT
INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON
HUMANITARIAN QUESTION HAD BEEN RESOLVED, SO THAT THE
ONLY PROBLEM OUTSTANDING IS THAT CONCERNING THE FRG'S
ABILITY TO EXTEND LEGAL ASSISTANCE ON BEHALF OF WEST
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BERLINERS.

2. ACCORDING TO BLECH, CZECH DELEGATION HEAD AND DEPUTY FONMIN GOETZ TOLD THE WEST GERMANS AUGUST 20 THAT THE CZECHS HAD MADE INQUIRIES IN THE THREE ALLIED CAPITALS AND HAD COME AWAY CONVINCED THAT THE ALLIES WERE NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE MATTER. BLECH PRE-FACED THIS REPORT WITH THE STATEMENT THAT "THIS PROBABLY HAS LESS TO DO WITH YOU THAN WITH THE OTHER TWO." EMBOFF SAID THAT IN VIEW OF OUR POSITION OF TRYING TO BE HELPFUL TO THE GERMANS ON LEGAL ASSISTANCE ISSUE (SEE REFTELS), HE WAS SURE THE CZECHS COULD NOT HAVE DONE MUCH CHECKING IN WASHINGTON. BLECH AGREED, REPEATING HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT GOETZ' COMMENT HAD MORE TO DO WITH LONDON AND PARIS THAN WITH WASHINGTON.

3. ASKED BY EMBOFF IF THE FRG SAW ANY SIGN OF MOVEMENT AT ALL ON LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROBLEM, BLECH SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THE SOVIETS (WHO ARE CALLING THE TUNE) ARE NOW BEGINNING TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE LARGER CONSEQUENCES INVOLVED IN FRG-SOVIET RELATIONS. HE WAS HOPEFUL THE SOVIETS WOULD THEREFORE BEGIN SOON TO MODIFY THEIR STANCE.
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